



May 24, 2007

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 05-181
*Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization
Act of 2004 to Amend Section 338 of the Communications Act*
Notification of Oral *Ex Parte* Communication of DIRECTV, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, the undersigned on behalf of DIRECTV, Inc. ("DIRECTV"), had a telephone conversation with Monica Desai, Chief of the Media Bureau, concerning DIRECTV's pending request for an extension of time in order to come into compliance with the Commission's digital carriage requirements for satellite operators serving Alaska and Hawaii, which is a matter of record in this proceeding. In relation to that request, DIRECTV stated that, as an interim solution until the DIRECTV 11 satellite is launched, it would be able to redirect spot beams on a Spaceway satellite for purposes of carrying multicast standard definition ("SD") signals originating in Alaska and Hawaii. Such multicast carriage of SD signals on the Spaceway satellite would commence by October 31, 2007. The high-definition ("HD") signals originating in Alaska and Hawaii would be carried once the DIRECTV 11 satellite is operational, currently anticipated to occur by June 30, 2008. DIRECTV 11 was designed with spot beams to carry the HD signals originating in Alaska and Hawaii.

Please direct questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/

Susan Eid
Senior Vice President